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Subject: RE: Pebble Project Briefing doc

I agree that a 404 summary is important for the briefing paper and it will link to our FEIS discussion and what we are saying in some of our FEIS comments and recommendations for the ROD & 404(b)(1) evaluation.

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Matt

Thanks for starting the briefing doc. Regardless of what format material has to be put in to satisfy OFA, I feel strongly that we should complete this briefing document and include it as background for the upcoming leadership meetings. I have added a few items onto the calendar at the top of the briefing doc and I have filled out the 404 summary section. I feel strongly that this 404 summary section be included in this briefing doc. I'm happy to discuss any of this with folks.

-Palmer

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Hi everyone,

In follow up to our career leader meeting today regarding the preparation of a briefing document for next week, I've started a draft agenda and the shell of a briefing document on SP taking into account the direction we received today.

Given the stage of the FEIS comment development, I think the earliest I can ask for revisions is **3:00pm pacific Friday, 8/7**. Patty/Molly, please let me know if that's possible on your end. In addition to NEPA, we need some updates on CWA 404, the state's permitting process and litigation. Please feel free to provide any suggestions on the overall format of the document as well.

I can turn around the document and send to the career leader group by COB 8/7 and see if they have any input on 8/10 prior to our briefing with the RA on 8/11. I am anticipating we can use the same briefing document on 8/13 for political leadership incorporating any updates we may receive in the meantime.

Thank you all for the assistance.

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Adding in Allison and Tom.

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Thanks Palmer. I was just looking for the briefing document we prepared for the RA in March for the PFEIS. So, I think this attached version might also be helpful (but note that it is more NEPA-focused than the December 2019 briefing that you attached).

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Folks

On today's call we discussed if we need to prepare a briefing doc for senior leaders and if so what the format/content should be.

Attached, is the briefing doc that we used a number of times in the recent past for this project. The attached version is dated 12-16-19 and was used to support a 12-18-19 senior leaders briefing organized by Chris Hladick. I think this is the most recent version of this doc.

It would be fairly easy to update this doc. Also, once the draft FEIS letter has been compiled, Appendix A could be revised to reflect outstanding comments on the FEIS by issue category. Appendix C can be dropped, not sure about Appendix B.

Thoughts?

-Palmer